



PSDians Compete War of Words
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PSDian debaters showcased their abilities in persuasion as they competed in the **War of Words Debating Championship (WWDC) 2026** held on October 8-10 at DPS Modern Indian School.

Below are the participating teams representing PSD, along with their scores and placements:

Team	MEMBERS	Average Total Speaker Score	WINS	Placement
PSD B	1st Speaker: Keizha Nunez 2nd Speaker: Karishma Oraye 3rd Speaker: Loreese Sapico	249.38	3	7th Place

PSD A	1st Speaker: Cadeen Gimeno 2nd Speaker: Nathalie Bordallo 3rd Speaker: Unica De Vera	247.88	2	23rd Place

Out of 61 teams that competed in the tournament, PSD B, featuring **Loreese Sapico**, **Keizha Nunez**, and **Karishma Oraye**, ranked 7th place, and PSD A, featuring **Unica De Vera**, **Nathalie Bordallo**, and **Cadeen Gimeno**, ranked 23rd place. Due to their rank as part of the Top 16 in the tournament, PSD B advanced to the Octofinals.

Nunez described the experience of debating in the tournament as a thrilling experience, and added that the team had also run into their fair share of difficulties, and obstacles. But over time, she stated the thing that helped their team prevail:

"We all had some part for our own ideas and each other's speeches, and I really think that helped with all of our cases, and it led us to reaching the octofinals; so basically through our good teamwork and, of course, camaraderie with one another."

The debaters prepared for the competition under the guidance of **Ms. Sherilyn Apruebo**, and **Dr. Dave Buragay**, moderators of the PSD Debaters' Society, who provided coaching to help train the debaters for the competition.

The War of Words Debating Championship is a three-day tournament organized by the DPS Modern Indian School Debate Team, aimed at empowering high school students by building their argumentative skills, analytical reasoning, and rhetoric, through the art of debate.